

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An engaging structure for ~~runner of~~ an umbrella including: ~~the~~

~~a runner being provided with several~~ having a plurality of side apertures formed on an inner circumference thereof, said runner having formed on an outer circumference thereof a positioning ring; for receiving

~~a relating ball~~ plurality of balls each received in a corresponding one of said apertures; [[,]]

~~a sleeve provided around the~~ slidably displaceable on said outer circumference of said runner, which includes said sleeve including an upper opening and an inner middle edge having smaller diameter relating relative to the a diameter of said upper opening, and the said sleeve having an inner low projective ring formed on an inner circumference thereof so as to be selectively positioned on either of opposing sides of said [[,]] which can engage with a positioning ring; on the runner thereunder [[,]] and the runner with the sleeve being provided around

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a shaft received in said inner circumference of said runner and having an annular ~~convex~~ concave portion for ~~engaging the~~ receiving said balls therein, said balls being ~~maintained in said annular concave portion received in apertures of the runner, while~~ being compressed by said middle edge of the said sleeve when said projective ring is on a first one of said opposing sides of said positioning ring and said balls are received in said upper opening when said projective ring is on a second one of said opposing sides of said positioning ring to maintain the umbrella being opened stably.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An engaging structure for ~~runner of~~ an umbrella as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the shaft is provided with several grooves spaced apart around the circumference thereof for engaging with ~~relating to~~ said balls for engagement.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An engaging structure for ~~runner of~~ an umbrella as claimed in Claim 1, wherein ~~the shaft is provided with~~ two tubes are mounted on said shaft in interval with spaced relationship to form an annular recessed ~~convex~~ portion therebetween for engaging with ~~the~~ said balls.